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1. The majority of heavy castings such as anchors, sections of deck winches, etc., used in Polish shipyards are ordered from the casting foundry in Stalinogrod (Katowice).
2. All engines installed in new ships built in Poland are purchased abroad. Poland does not manufacture any propulsion machinery for ships and does not receive any deliveries from the Soviet Union.
3. Certain auxiliary machinery such as pumps, generators, compressors, etc. is imported from Hungary and Czechoslovakia in very small quantities.
4. Polish shipyards have received some small deliveries from Hungary of electric motors for driving deck winches, etc.
5. Czechoslovakia supplies Polish shipyards with electric cables, switch gear, lamp sockets, etc., but not in sufficient quantities.
6. All precision instruments such as gyrocompasses, magnetic compasses, chronometers, radio installations, echo sounding equipment, fitted on vessels constructed in Poland, are purchased in the West.
7. The steam engines for the steam-powered fishing trawlers constructed in Gdansk (Danzig) for the Soviet Union and Arka are imported from Western countries, but the boilers are manufactured in Gdansk.
8. All sheet metal and steel used in ship construction in Poland is of Polish origin.
9. Increasing difficulties are being experienced in Polish shipyards in obtaining certain articles for fitting-out ships already completed and launched. The main articles causing the bottleneck in construction are as follows:

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- a. Gyro and magnetic compasses.
- b. Radio equipment.
- c. Echo sounders.
- d. Radar equipment for larger vessels.
- e. Auxiliary engine room equipment such as circulation pumps, bilge pumps, compressors, auxiliary lighting equipment, fuel injection pumps and, for steam driven vessels, forced draught blowers.
- f. All non-ferrous metals such as phosphor bronze, white bearing surfacing metals, etc. The only source of supply of this type of metals open to Polish shipyards are the very small quantities they are able to import from the West and metals salvaged from wrecked and sunken vessels.

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